fiend himself.

MUSICAL.

Miss Laura Waldron's D but in "The The pledge given to her patrons last spring by Miss Richings has seen amply fulfilled. Addi-Mons to both the repersoure and force of her admirable company were promised, and the premise has been kept to the satisfaction of the public. The Lily of Killarney, albeit as much of a drama as of an opera, was a success, and the new tenor, Mr. Pierre Bernard, has been received with marked favor by the public. To night, for the farewell benefit of the Directress of the troupe, Gounod's classical composition of Faust will, for the first time in English in this country, be placed upon the stage; and we think we are justifled in predicting a success. The most difficult role in the opera is that of "Mephiasopheles," and this has fallen to the lot of Mr. Campbell, who, when occasion demands, has shown himself in the past fully equal to the assumption of that diabterie air which has rendered the name of the tempter of poor "Dr. Faustus" synonymous with that of the Arch-

Last evening, the other novelty of the season was presented in the debut of Miss Laura Waldren as "Arline," in Balfe's popular opera of the Bohemian Giri. This charming composition has long been the most attractive in the whole repereire of the troupe, and by force of habit we have come to regard Miss Richings as the Bohe" mian Girl in propria persona. By reason of the invariable success which has attended her rendition of this character, she has become identised with it in the minds of our music-loving public; and the announcement that this rote, above all others, had been selected for the presen. tation of the new prima donna, was regarded with some misgivings. But while these circumstances tended to render Miss Waldron's position one of extreme hazard, they have likewise added to the legitimate success which she has achieved. It was her first appearance upon the operatio stage, although she has for some time been accustomed to singing in oratorles and concerts in New York city and elsewhere. Her face is very prepossessing, her form almost delicate in outline; but she has the charm of entire case and composure in her manner, and her acting last evening was fully equal to the requirements of the role. Her voice is very clear and sweet, lacking volume alone to render it one of the finest now devoted to the divinest of all the arts. Time and practice, both on and off the stage, will, we trust, remedy this one defect, and place the new favorite in the front rank of our mative operatic singers- an illustrious company, to be sure, but one in which a position is not unattainable by one who displays on her first appearance the great promise of Miss Waldron. Mer rendition of the opening ballad of the second act-"I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls" -was exquisite, and the enthusiastic applause which it received settled at the very outset the question of her success. At the close of the entertainment, when half of the audience were upon their feet and the house in great confusion, the plaudits were still so decided and longcontinued that the debutante was forced to present herself before the curtain. Messrs. Castle. Campbell, and Wylie very properly accompanied her, but we regret that Mr. Seguin's modesty induced him to remain behind, for his "Devilshoof" is admirable in conception and faithful in execution.

The attractions of Faust this evening will be greatly enhanced by the appearance of the Turner Liedertafel Society, who will sustain the celebrated Soldiers' Chorus in a manner that is seldom equalled. To-morrow afternoon the long and highly successful season of the company will be brought to a close, by the second presentation of Faust.

GENERAL GRANT'S TESTIMONY.

The published testimony of General Grant before the Judiciary Committee is in every way creditable to him. It shows that he had the good sense to perceive, at the moment of victory, both the duty of the Government to show magnanimity, in abandoning the right to punish the williary leaders of the Rebellion, and his own duty to abstain from committing the Government to anything further than this. In this he proved wiser than his time. Mr. Johnson, with the apparent approval of the nation, desired to punish those whom Grant had piedged the country's honor to spare, while General Sherman, erring on the opposite side, sought to arrange by a military convention the terms of civil reconstruction.

General Grant is very explicit in disclaiming all ides, either then or now, of assuming to regulate political affairs or to bestow political rights upon those who surrendered to him. As he very justly says, that was a matter for Congress to decide. It was simply his duty to leave it alone; but it is so rarely that any man does his duty, and is content to do it, that General Grant merits praise for his humble virtue. The bane of Mr. Johnson has been his hunger to do more than his duty, by which we mean not merely to do more perfectly than was essential that which he was bound to do after some tashion, but rather to do that which was easential that which he was bound to do
after some tashion, but rather to do that which
it was not his place to do at all. If General
Grant can adhere in the future, as in the past,
to the simple rule of minding his own business,
he will not lose reputation by any tasks that
may be imposed upon him.

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may be imposed upon him.

Of the same simple but unusual order of merit is the General's statement that he did not assume to originate any civil policy, and never was willing to suggest any plan for civil government, although he freely expressed his anxiety that some kind of civil government should be set up as quickly as possible. It is obvious that he differed from most of his countrymen in this, that he did not believe himself capable of doing or devising everything. His experience as a military commander had neither weaned him from the love of civil law and peaceful government, nor infected him with a desire to retain superfluous power in his own hands, nor intoxicated aim with the notion of his own superior wisdom. All this is, speaking in an absolute sense, evidence of only humble virtues. There is nothing magnificent init, nothing which ought not to be true of every man. But of how many men is it true?

This testimony shows very clearly that General Grant was sound in his views of the relation of the President and of Congress respectively to the work of reconstruction; and if he is correct in the impressions he formed of the sentiments of others, it shows that Mr. Johnson and all his advisers looked upon the governments organized in 1865 as dependent or validity upon the subsequent action of Congress. Every consideration of reason and probability points to the same conclusion; and the great change which came over Mr. Johnson's views in this respect is an impressive proof of the danger which attends any naurpation of power, even under the most pressing necessity. There is no doubt that Mr. Johnson's views in this respect is an impressive proof of the danger which attends any naurpation of power, even under the most pressing necessity. There is no doubt that Mr. Johnson sincerely believed, and had much reason to believe, that he was pursuing the path which Mr. Lincoln had laid out.

But so sanction of this kind, and no encour-gement from his party, could alter the fact "was doing that which no President is elected to; and he soon began to care far more for versonal triumph of seeing "his policy" reful than he did for the accomplishment purposes which we presume he, as well

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as Mr Lincoln, had in view when that policy was devised. When we have a President who is capable of minding his own business, and content with doing so, we shall have some guarantee against this miserable personal vanity which is costing the pation so much.

The straightforward answers of General Grant to the questions of the Committee give satisfactory reasons for the reticence on political questions which is so freely charged upon him as a fault. Precisely the same argument which

which is so freely charged upon him as a Precisely the same argument which instified his abstinence from suggestions to the Cubinet upon matters pertaining to the civil administration, justifies his stience before the people now. His present business is military, not political. He is General-in-chief—not President, senator, or representative. It will be an evil day for us as a people when military commanders are liberal with political advice and criticism for the public ear. We know of nothing more offensive in General McClellan's career than the impertment counsels which he despatched from Harrison's Landing. And even the open disloyalty of their opponents could scarcely reconcile us to the direct interference of Union generals in the political campaigns of 1863 and 1864.

many incidents of the time proved the moral impossibility of a military commander's limiting himself to mere words in his active support of a political party. We are glad that General Grant does not add to mischievous precedents in this direction. Our main objection to him as a Presidential caudidate is that he is the General of the Army. If he were a political general also, our objections would be insupe-

Of course we do not mean to say that General Grant ought to be accepted as a candidate upon blind trust, or without a distinct avowal upon his part of his political sympathies and decirines. But it is enough for him to make this avowal when called upon by proper authority, at a reasonable time before the nomination arty, at a reasonable time before the nomination of a candidate can be made. Whether that avowal will be made, and whether it will be satisfactory when made, are questions that can afford to wait a little longer.—N. Y. Nation.

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